

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATE (LPCA)

Part A: Education Requirements To Apply For LPCA Licensure

Applicants for licensure shall have received a BACHELOR DEGREE. One option is the online [Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership and Learning](#) from University of Louisville which is a 120 credit hour program. The Organizational Leadership and Learning (OLL) program through the University of Louisville offers an accelerated pathway to a college degree for individuals, including veterans, by giving them college credit for prior military service and work experience. Contact the Office of U of L Veterans Student Services about Military Tuition Assistance, Waived fees for active duty military and veterans. Successful completion of the B.S. in OLL could lead to a Master's of Science in Counseling. The veteran applicant could also then further their education to pursue a Ph.D.



Part B: Education Requirements For Master's or Doctoral Degree

Applicants for licensure shall have received a master's, specialist, or doctoral degree in counseling or a related field from a regionally-accredited institution; and

- Shall have sixty (60) graduate semester hours in specified areas; and
- Include three (3) semester hours or four and one-half (4.5) quarter hours, at the minimum, on professional orientation and ethics with the concentration on the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics; and
- Include practicum or internship experience of at least 600 hours in a counseling program; and
- Has obtained a board-approved supervisor of record.



Part C: Complete Either Experience or Exam Option

OPTION 1 - EXPERIENCE*

Completed a minimum of four thousand (4,000) hours of experience in the practice of counseling, all of which must have been obtained since obtaining the master's degree and must be under approved supervision and shall include but not be limited to a minimum of one thousand six hundred (1,600) hours of direct counseling with individuals, couples, families, or groups and a minimum of one hundred (100) hours of individual, face-to-face clinical supervision with an approved supervisor. Each applicant is encouraged to include as part of the total hours of experience a minimum of ten (10) hours of direct counseling with individuals in a jail or corrections setting. All applicants shall complete an organized practicum or internship consisting of at least four hundred (400) hours;

OPTION 2 - EXAM REQUIREMENTS*

When ready, send the [Licensure Examination Registration Form](#) and pay \$275 Examination Fee

**A licensed professional counselor associate (LPCA) may apply for the credential of licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC) upon completion of the hours of experience and passing the examinations required*

Part D: Application Requirements

- LPCA fee \$50
- Application link <https://oop.ky.gov/DPLServices/Login.aspx>
- Background Check within past 90 days

